

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A² Therefore, an object of the present invention is to provide a multi-media E-mail system and device that transmits/receives, through a network, multi-media E-mails each having various types of media information being temporally and/or spatially related to one another, and further, reduces information volume going through the network.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A³ The present invention has the following features to solve the problem above.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A⁴ A first aspect of the present invention is directed to a multi-media E-mail system for transmitting/receiving a multimedia E-mail including various types of media information and positioning control information indicating how the media information is each temporally and/or spatially positioned. The multi-media E-mail system of the first aspect of the present invention comprises: receiving the multi-media E-mail; restoring an incoming mail composed by a sender of the received multi-media E-mail by positioning the media information each included in the received multi-media E-mail according to the positioning control information included therein; storing the media information included in the received multi-media E-mail as received media information; composing a return mail for the restored incoming mail by utilizing the received media information; and transmitting the composed return mail back to the sender in a form of a multi-media E-mail including every media information included in the return mail exclusive of the received media information and the positioning control information indicating how the every media information in the return mail is each temporally and/or spatially positioned.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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According to a second aspect, further to the first aspect, when composing the return mail, the received media information is divided, and the return mail is composed by using divided media information obtained by the division, and when transmitting the return mail, as an alternative to the divided media information, division controlling information indicating at where the received media information is divided is transmitted in addition to the multi-media E-mail.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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According to a third aspect, further to the first aspect, the multi-media E-mail system further comprises storing the media information included in the multi-media E-mail to be transmitted as transmitted media information, wherein when restoring the incoming mail, by positioning the media information each included in the received multi-media E-mail and the transmitted media information according to the positioning control information included in the multi-media E-mail, the incoming mail is restored.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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According to a fourth aspect, further to the third aspect, when composing the return mail, the received media information is divided, and the return mail is composed by using divided media information obtained by the division, when transmitting the return mail, as an alternative to the divided media information, division controlling information indicating at where the received media information is divided is transmitted in addition to the multi-media E-mail, and when restoring the incoming mail, the transmitted media information is divided according to the division controlling information included in the received multi-media E-mail, and the incoming mail is restored by using the divided 15 media information obtained by the division.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A⁸ A fifth aspect of the present invention is directed to a multi-media E-mail device for transmitting/receiving a multimedia E-mail including various types of media information and positioning control information indicating how the media information is each temporally and/or spatially positioned. The multi-media E-mail device of the fifth aspect of the present invention comprises: a receipt controlling part in which the multi-media E-mail is received, and then an incoming mail composed by a sender of the received multi-media E-mail is restored by positioning every media information included in the received multi-media E-mail according to the positioning control information included therein; a first inputted information storing part storing the media information included in the multi-media E-mail received by the receipt controlling part as received media information; an inputted information editing part composing a return mail for the incoming mail restored by the receipt controlling part by utilizing the received media information; and a transmission controlling part transmitting the return mail composed by the inputted information editing part back to the sender in a form of a multi-media E-mail including every type of the media information included in the return mail exclusive of the received media information and the positioning control information indicating how the every media information in the return mail is each temporally and/or spatially positioned.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A⁹ According to a sixth aspect, further to the fifth aspect, when a return mail is composed, the inputted information editing part divides the received media information, and composes the return mail by using divided media information obtained by the division, and the transmission controlling part transmits, as an alternative to the divided media information, division controlling information indicating at where the received media information is divided in addition to the multi-media E-mail.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A¹⁰ According to a seventh aspect, further to the fifth aspect, the multi-media E-mail device further comprises a second inputted information storing part storing media information included in a multi-media E-mail to be transmitted by the transmission controlling part as transmitted media information, wherein the receipt controlling part restores an incoming mail by positioning each type of the media information included in the received multi-media E-mail and the transmitted media information according to the positioning control information included in the multi-media E-mail.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A¹¹ According to an eighth aspect, further to the seventh aspect, when a return mail is composed, the inputted information editing part divides the received media information, composes the return mail by using divided media information obtained by the division, and the transmission controlling part transmits, as an alternative to the divided media information, division controlling information indicating at where the received media information is divided in addition to the multi-media E-mail, and when a return mail is restored, the receipt controlling part divides the transmitted media information according to the division controlling information included in the received multi-media E-mail, and restores the incoming mail by using the divided media information obtained by the division.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A¹² A ninth aspect of the present invention is directed to a recording medium on which a program, to be run in a computer device, for transmitting/receiving a multi-media E-mail including various types of media information and positioning control information indicating how the media information is each temporally and/or spatially positioned is recorded. The program for realizing an operational environment on the computer device of the ninth aspect of the present invention includes instructions

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operable to instruct the computer device to: receive the multi-media E-mail; restore an incoming mail composed by a sender of the multi-media E-mail by positioning every media information included in the received multi-media E-mail according to the positioning control information included therein; store the media information included in the received multi-media E-mail as received media information; compose a return mail for the restored incoming mail by utilizing the received media information; and transmit the composed return mail back to the sender in a form of a multi-media E-mail including every media information included in the return mail exclusive of the received media information and the positioning control information indicating how the every media information in the return mail is each temporally and/or spatially positioned.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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According to a tenth aspect, further to the ninth aspect, when composing the return mail, the program includes instructions operable to instruct the computer device to divide the received media information, and to compose the return mail by using divided media information obtained by the division, and when transmitting the return mail, the program includes instructions operable to instruct the computer device as an alternative to the divided media information, to transmit controlling information indicating at where the received media information is divided in addition to the multi-media E-mail.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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According to an eleventh aspect, further to the ninth aspect, the program for realizing the operational environment on the computer device further includes instructions operable to instruct the computer device to store the media information included in the multi-media E-mail to be transmitted as transmitted media information, wherein when restoring the incoming mail, by positioning every media information included in the received multi-media E-mail and the transmitted media information

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according to the positioning control information included in the multi-media E-mail, the incoming mail is restored.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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According to a twelfth aspect, further to the eleventh aspect, when composing the return mail, the program includes instructions operable to instruct the computer device to divide the received media information, and to compose the return mail by using divided media information obtained by the division, when transmitting the return mail, the program includes instructions to instruct the computer device, as an alternative to the divided media information, to transmit division controlling information indicating at where the received media information is divided in addition to the multi-media E-mail, and when restoring the incoming mail, the program includes instructions operable to instruct the computer device to divide the transmitted media information according to the division controlling information included in the received multi-media E-mail, and to restore the incoming mail by using the divided media information obtained by the division.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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A thirteenth aspect of the present invention is directed to a method of supplying a program, to be run in a computer device, for transmitting/receiving a multi-media E-mail including various types of media information and positioning control information indicating how the media information is each temporally and/or spatially positioned to the computer device through a network. The method of the thirteenth aspect of the present invention comprises: receiving the multi-media E-mail; restoring an incoming mail composed by a sender of the received multi-media E-mail by positioning each of the media information included in the received multi-media E-mail according to the positioning control information included in the multi-media E-mail; storing the media information included in the received multi-media E-mail as received media information; composing a return mail for the restored incoming mail by utilizing the received media information; and transmitting the

A¹⁶ composed return mail back to the sender in a form of a multi-media E-mail including every media information included in the return mail exclusive of the received media information and the positioning control information indicating how the every media information in the return mail is temporally and/or spatially positioned.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A¹⁷ According to a fourteenth aspect, further to the thirteenth aspect, when composing the return mail, the received media information is divided, and the return mail is composed by using divided media information obtained by the division, and when transmitting the return mail, as an alternative to the divided media information, division controlling information indicating at where the received media information is divided is transmitted in addition to the multi-media E-mail.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A¹⁸ According to a fifteenth aspect, further to the thirteenth aspect, the method of supplying a program further comprises storing the media information included in the multi-media E-mail to be transmitted as transmitted media information, wherein when restoring the incoming mail, by positioning every media information included in the received multi-media E-mail and the transmitted media information according to the positioning control information included in the multi-media E-mail, the incoming mail is restored.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A¹⁹ According to a sixteenth aspect, further to the fifteenth aspect, when composing the return mail, the received media information is divided, and the return mail is composed by using divided media information obtained by the division, when transmitting the return mail, as an alternative to the